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SUBJECT: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S CAMPAIGN FOR REELECTION

1. ACCORDING TO HERBERT MAIER, FIET GENERAL SECRETARY, ILO DG BLANCHARD SOUGHT AND RECEIVED A PROMISE FROM ICFTU PRESIDENT P.P. NARAYAN LAST DECEMBER FOR ICFTU SUPPORT FOR REELECTION WHEN HIS PRESENT TERM AS DG ENDS IN FEBRUARY 1979. MAIER BELIEVES THE ICFTU EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL HONOR NARAYAN'S COMMITMENT TO BLANCHARD, BECAUSE JOE MORRIS OF THE CANADIAN LABOR CONGRESS AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS SUPPORT BLANCHARD.

2. MAIER BELIEVES BLANCHARD HAS LITTLE REASON FOR BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS UPTIGHT AS HE IS ABOUT REELECTION. WITH ICFTU SUPPORT, BLANCHARD IS FAR AHEAD OF TEVOEDJRE AND DDGS BOLIN AND JAIN WHOM BLANCHARD INSISTS ARE ACTIVELY CAMPAIGNING AGAINST HIM. MAIER AGREES THAT TEVOEDJRE IS AN ACTIVE CANADIATE AND BELIEVES A CONTEST OF ELECTION IS INEVITABLE BECAUSE ONE OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IS SURE TO NOMINATE TEVOEDJRE. HOWEVER,

MAIER SEES LITTLE SUPPORT OR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY FOR JAIN AND BOLIN.

3. COMMENT: FROM NOW UNTIL THE ELCTION (PROBABLY AT THE GB SESSION IN NOVEMBER 1978), ALL OF BLANCHARD'S MOVES WILL HAVE TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST HIS DESIRE TO BE REELECTED, OBVIOUSLY, BLANCHARD'S SUPPORT FOR JOE MORRIS' BID FOR THE GB CHAIRMANSHIP NEXT JUNE RESTS IN PART ON HIS OWN AMBITIONS. CATTO

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